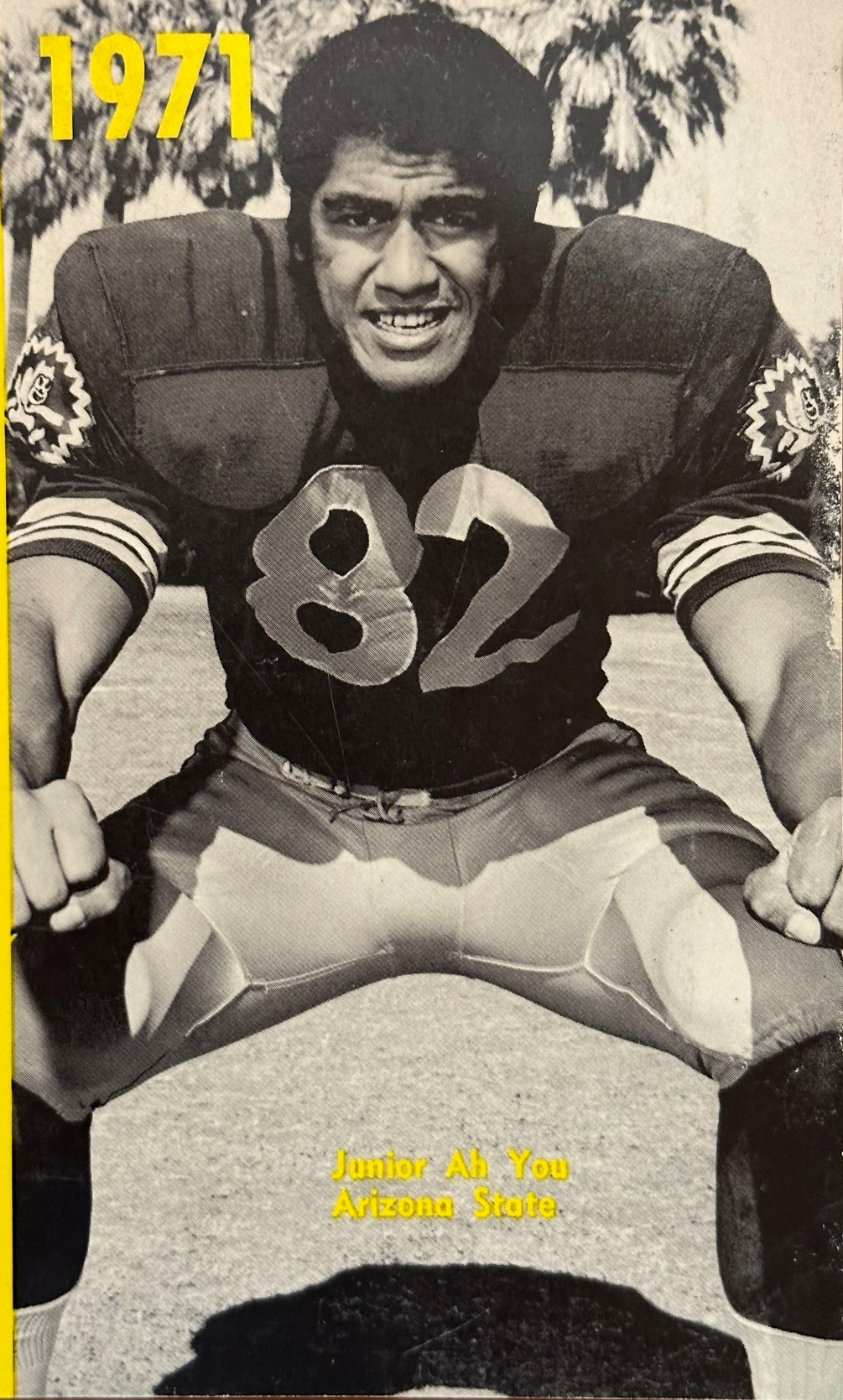


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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1970

Nebraska and Texas are the unofficial national co-champions for 1970, the fourth time in 17 years the wire service polls did not agree on the champion. The United Press International (coaches) named Texas (a unanimous choice in 1969) at the season's end. The Associated Press (writers) waited until after the year-end bowl games to declare Nebraska its choice.

This marked the first national crown for the Cornhuskers, who were also voted the Grantland Rice Award by the Football Writers' Association of America. The Associated Press poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the United Press International poll of coaches in 1950. Representing opinions of observers across the country, they are the popularly accepted electors to national ranking. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies symbolized the championships from 1924 to 1936. The titlists so designated:

1970—Nebraska, Texas	1958—LSU	1946—Notre Dame	1935—SMU
1969—Texas	1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1945—Army	1934—Minnesota
1968—Ohio State	1956—Oklahoma	1944—Army	1933—Michigan
1967—Southern Cal	1955—Oklahoma	1943—Notre Dame	1932—Michigan
1966—Notre Dame	1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1942—Ohio State	1931—Southern Cal
1965—Ala., Mich. St.	1953—Maryland	1941—Minnesota	1930—Notre Dame
1964—Alabama	1952—Michigan State	1940—Minnesota	1929—Notre Dame
1963—Texas	1951—Tennessee	1939—Texas A&M	1928—Southern Cal
1962—Southern Cal	1950—Oklahoma	1938—TCU	1927—Illinois
1961—Alabama	1949—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1926—Stanford
1960—Minnesota	1948—Michigan	1936—Minnesota	1925—Dartmouth
1959—Syracuse	1947—Notre Dame		1924—Notre Dame

## NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1970

The most successful major teams of the past 35 years, according to the ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Texas. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 151 points, the Sooners 102 and the Longhorns 91, 27 in the last three seasons.

Notre Dame .. .151	Alabama .....	85	Michigan .....	80	Army .....	61	
Oklahoma .....	102	Ohio State .....	85	Mich. State .....	7	LSU .....	60
Texas .....	91	Tennessee .....	84	Southern Cal ...	66	Minnesota .....	57

of dissident players will not be unexpected in 1971 again. Teams are being subjected to outside pressures that seek to minimize the role of an athletic program on today's college campus.

As usual, there were numerous changes in head coaching positions, with the attending optimism about improving losing situations. In the rush to develop winning programs, several schools lost their successful coaches. At those institutions, assistants usually moved up.

The fan can expect the same kind of excitement in 1971 that he enjoyed last fall. There were a number of changes made in the playing code, but nothing major was done that will be noticed by the spectator. The game will look basically the same as a year ago.

Which team will succeed Nebraska as national champion?

Perhaps none.

Coach Bob Devaney will field another Cornhusker powerhouse that includes 13 starters and 36 lettermen from the 1970 unbeaten (a 21-21 tie with Southern Cal marred a perfect slate) outfit that was 11-0-1 against strong opposition. Nebraska clinched the final No. 1 national ranking by beating Louisiana State, 17-12, in the Orange Bowl New Year's night after Notre Dame had stopped Texas in the Cotton Bowl and Stanford had upset Ohio State in the Rose Bowl earlier in the day.

The usual names come up in discussing challengers—LSU, Auburn and

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